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PLAGUE-PREVENTION WORK.

LOUISIANA—NEW ORLEANS—PLAGUE ERADICATION.

The following report of plague-eradication work at New Orleans for the week ended March 13, 1915, was received from Surg. Corput, of the United States Public Health Service, in temporary charge of the work:

OUTGOING QUARANTINE.		DESTINATION AND NUMBER OF RAILROAD CARS INSPECTED FOR WEEK ENDED MAR. 13, 1915—con.	
Vessels fumigated with sulphur.....	50	New York.....	44
Vessels fumigated with hydrocyanic gas....	3	Ohio.....	80
Pounds of sulphur used.....	13,840	Oklahoma.....	5
Pounds of potassium cyanide used in hydrocyanic gas fumigation.....	291	Oregon.....	1
Pounds of sodium carbonate used in hydrocyanic gas fumigation.....	360	Pennsylvania.....	17
Pounds of sulphuric acid used in hydrocyanic gas fumigation.....	294	Rhode Island.....	1
Clean bills of health issued.....	33	Tennessee.....	92
Foul bills of health issued.....	13	Texas.....	225
		Virginia.....	1
		Washington.....	4
		Wisconsin.....	8
		Mexico.....	6
OVERLAND FREIGHT INSPECTION.		FIELD OPERATIONS.	
Cars inspected found in good order; permitted to load.....	2,087	Number of rats trapped.....	7,998
Cars ordered repaired before loading.....	1,310	Number of premises inspected.....	10,733
Total cars inspected.....	3,379	Notices served.....	793
DESTINATION AND NUMBER OF RAILROAD CARS INSPECTED FOR WEEK ENDED MAR. 13, 1915.		BUILDINGS RAT PROOFED.	
Alabama.....	118	By elevation.....	208
Arizona.....	3	By marginal concrete wall.....	195
Arkansas.....	25	By concrete floor and wall.....	517
California.....	17	By minor repairs.....	460
Carolina, North.....	4	Square yards of concrete laid.....	24,853
Carolina, South.....	1	Total buildings rat proofed.....	1,380
Colorado.....	2	Total buildings rat proofed to date.....	25,358
Florida.....	23	Number of abatements.....	319
Georgia.....	51	Number of abatements to date.....	11,123
Illinois.....	153	LABORATORY OPERATIONS.	
Indiana.....	23	Rodents examined.....	3,960
Iowa.....	23	Mus norvegicus.....	1,832
Kansas.....	1	Mus rattus.....	254
Kentucky.....	29	Mus alexandrinus.....	254
Louisiana.....	1,117	Mus musculus.....	4,299
Massachusetts.....	4	Unclassified.....	1,180
Michigan.....	11	Putrid.....	72
Minnesota.....	12	Total rodents received at laboratory.....	7,816
Mississippi.....	388	Number of suspicious rats.....	11
Missouri.....	99	Plague rats confirmed.....	2
Nebraska.....	5		

Rodent cases.

Case No.	Address.	Captured.	Diagnosis confirmed.	Treatment of premises.
235	1910 Lapeyrouse Street.....	Feb. 21, 1915	Mar. 8, 1915	Intensive trapping; rat proofing initiated.
236	Lopez and Julia Streets (in lumber yard near city garbage dump).	Mar. 3, 1915	Mar. 9, 1915	Intensive trapping; rat proofing accomplished by elevation of lumber; dumping discontinued and dump incinerated.

Last case of human plague Oct. 4, 1914.

Last case of rodent plague Mar. 9, 1915.

Total number of rodents captured to Mar. 13..... 293,084

Total number of rodents examined to Mar. 13..... 222,072

Total cases of rodent plague to Mar. 13, by species:

Mus musculus..... 4

Mus rattus..... 16

Mus alexandrinus..... 9

Mus norvegicus..... 207

Total rodent cases to Mar. 13, 1915..... 236